

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2002
LAREDO, TEXAS**

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 9:00 a.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Mercurio Martinez, Jr.
Jerry Vasquez
Judith Gutierrez
Felix Velasquez
Miguel Urdiales

County Judge
Commissioner Prct. #1
Commissioner Prct. #2
Commissioner Prct. #3
Commissioner Prct. #4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 24th of January 2002. Present also were Selina G. Reyes, Deputy County Clerk, representing, Mr. Henry Flores, Ex-Officio Clerk, various officers and others interested in the business of the court.

02-01-111

1. Call to Order – Judge Martinez

Invocation – Mr. Chuck Owen

Pledge of allegiance – said by all

02-01-112

2. Minutes –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to accept the minutes as present with the following corrections:

Pg. 2 – Item 2 – should state that Commissioner Velasquez seconded the motion.

Pg. 4. – Item 6. – g. – correct the amount to \$ 50,000.00 instead of \$ 50,00

Pg. 12 – Item 10. – b. – should state that Commissioner Vasquez seconded the motion.

02-01-113

3. Communications –

Tower of the Americas at Laredo Lomas presentation by Mr. Chendo Carranco.

Commissioner Urdiales suggested the possibility of having portable toilets along the Washington’s Birthday Parade Route.

Also, Commissioner Urdiales voiced his concerns regarding the poor radio range received by the Laredo Fire Department at the 24 mile marker. He suggested an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Laredo. Mr. Carlos Villarreal will follow up on this matter.

Commissioner Urdiales asked to be excused from the meeting.

Letter from Texas Water Development Board to Mr. Severo Flores, Webb County Worker’s Association regarding Colonia Funding Information.

Letter of Thanks from the Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra for funding.

Judge Martinez read a letter from the Comptroller of Public Accounts regarding

longevity pay for Prosecutors

01-02-114

4. Bills, Payroll and Monthly reports –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve to pay the Side Bills as presented.

Ms. Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor Collector presented the MVD and Ad Valorem reports at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to accept all monthly reports as submitted.

01-02-116

6. – a. Deferred Item –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to defer this item:

Action to accept a Resolution authorizing and establishing Early Voting Polling Sites within Webb County, Texas for the Joint Democratic and Republican Primary Elections, in accordance with Chapter 85, Texas Election Code.

6. – b. Tax Assessor-Collector –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve refunds:

Mortgage Service Center
Reason: Payment in error
Total Refund: \$ 799.49

Richard Jaramillo & associates
Reason: Over Payment
Total Refund: \$ 671.61

6. – c. MIS Department –

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to fill slot # 106 with one-half of the budgeted salary and to hire an additional employee for the MIS Department with the other half of the budgeted salary utilizing slot# 1966 in the Auditor’s Department. Each employee would earn an annual salary of \$ 22,557.00.

6. – d. Golf Course/Parks and Grounds –

1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to fill slot # 1527 (Maintenance Worker I) at \$ 6.50 per hour effective January 28, 2002.

2. A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the transplanting of native plants and trees from the Old Detention Center to the Golf Course.

6. – e. Webb County Head Start Department –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to fill slots # 1801 and 1696 at \$ 6.76 an hour (Substitutes – 15 hrs. a week) effective January 28, 2002.

6. – f. Economic Development Department –

1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to request Contract Amendment to Texas Community Development Program # 720155 (Tanquesitos I Wastewater Collection Line Project) for a six month extension (up to February 3, 2003) and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents (This contract will be at no cost to the county).

2. A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to authorize the submission of Contract Amendment # 5 to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (Office of Colonia Initiatives) for TCDP Contract # 718003 “Webb County Self-Help Center Program” at the request of the County Engineer. This Contract Amendment will include A budget modification and a 120 day contract extension (up to June 9, 2002) and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents (This contract extension and budget modification will be at no additional cost to the county).

6. – g. Webb County Engineering -

1. & 2.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to authorize the selection of Bill Reiffert and Associates, Inc., a Structural Engineer, to investigate the structural beam design of the parking garage next to the Justice Center for a fee not to exceed \$ 20,000 and ordering an exemption from Section 262.023 Local Government Code (competitive bidding and competitive proposal requirements – funded from acct. 627-8005-8103) and;

Authorize the submittal of applications to Texas Department of Transportation for the Border Colonia Access Program Paving Project (the Engineering and Planning Departments will prepare the applications for all colonia roads that are under the program).

02-01-117

7. – a. Webb County Community Action Agency -
b. & c.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) allocation for FY2002 (January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002) in the amount of \$ 237,201.00 and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents (the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program assists low income persons with the Energy Crisis Component, Heating/Cooling Component, Case Management Component Co-payment Component and Elderly Assistance) and;

Authorize the Executive Director to submit an annual application for Emergency Food and Shelter program Fund. Webb County CAA will be requesting funds for emergency rent assistance and utility assistance. Total request from CAA will be for \$ 11,000.00 (CAA Advisory Executive Board Committee has reviewed and recommended approval) and;

Enter into Cooperative Working Agreement with TAMIU for the “Gear-Up Program” which would provide ESL/GED classes for CAA clients (TAMIU would provide funding for teachers, instructional materials, training, instructional sites-Lamar Middle, Clark Middle and Memorial middle-CAA would coordinate project, monitor attendance and submit monthly/quarterly reports to TAMIU. Grant is for a 5 year Period, and required “In-Kind” contribution from CAA of \$ 10,000 a year for the 5 year period. This project falls into place with CAA’s annual Community Revitalization Plan, that is required as part of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) for Fy 2002.

7. – d. Cellular Phone / Ms. Cynthia Mares –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve a cellular phone for CAA Executive Director, Ms. Cynthia Mares (500 min. plan).

02-01-119

9. – a. Solicit Bids / 126 Safety Deposit Boxes –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to solicit bids for 126 safety deposit boxes

for the Law Enforcement Center (construction acct. – fund #624-8000-8601-3).

9. – b. Road & Bridge / Aluminized Corrugated Pipe –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to purchase aluminized corrugated pipe from “Contech Construction Products”, Inc., in the amount of \$ 7,860 for the Road & Bridge Department (acct. 010-7002-6205).

9. – c. Engineering Department / Projector –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to purchase one projector from project center in the amount of \$ 6,350.00 for the Engineering Department (acct. 627-8108-8801).

9. – d. Award/Reject Proposals –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to award the following proposal:

Proposal # P 2001-01 “Data Communications Distribution System” to
Intercom Communications

9. – e. Road & Bridge / RDO Equipment Co. –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to obtain the services of RDO Equipment Co. to inspect and repair a diesel engine on front loader (624-G) in the amount of \$ 7,067.39 for the Road & Bridge Department (acct. 010-7002-6403).

9. – f. Award Bid 2002-37 –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to award bid 2002-37 “Tactical Armor for Law Enforcement Center” to GT Distributors.

9. – g. Ratify purchase / Radar units –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to ratify the purchase of six radar units from Decatur Electronics in the amount of \$ 13,200 for the Constable Pct. 1 (acct. 166-2500-2251).

9. – h. Purchase of copier, Solicit bids & Purchase parts –
i, j.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in Favor to purchase one color copier model Kyocera Mita KM (15cpm) from Neville in the amount of \$ 22,357.50 (acct. # 606-8001-7409-GIS Rural Addressing) and;

Solicit bids for Mobile radios for the following departments Road & Bridge, Constable Pct. 1 and the County’s Office and;

Purchase parts from Waukesha Pearce as per annual contract bid #2002-08 for one 1993 Dresses Motor Grader # 10-63 in the amount of \$ 6,602.45 for the Road & Bridge Department.

02-01-120

10. – a., Equipment Lease Agreement , Maintenance Agreements -
b., c.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to enter into a Equipment Lease Agreement with Valley Leasing Company for a Savin copier to be located at the Webb County Treasurer’s Office for a thirty-nine month (1-02-02 through 4-30-2005) Lease in the amount of \$ 189.08 per month and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and;

Enter into a Maintenance Agreement with Copy Data for a Savin copier to be located at the Webb County Treasurer’s Office for a thirty-nine month (2-01-02 through 4/30/05) lease in the amount of \$ 77.40 per month and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and;

Enter into a one year Maintenance Agreement (2-1-02 through 1-31-03) with Thyssenkrup for the maintenance of one Dover Elevator at the Webb County Sheriff’s Administration Building at the rate of \$ 132.00 per month and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

10. – d. Contract / Laredo Independent School District –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to enter into a contract with Laredo Independent School District for eleven School Resource Officers (Sheriff Deputies) to be provided by the Webb County Sheriff at an annual cost of \$ 496,479.00 beginning August 14, 2001 through July 31, 2002 and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

10. – e. Grant / BECC –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to accept a grant from the Border Environment Cooperative Commission (BECC) in the amount of \$ 110,000 and enter into a Technical Assistance Agreement for the development of a Water and Wastewater Facility Plan, Environmental Assessment, Financial Analysis and public participation program for the Webb County State Highway 59 Colonias area for the County of Webb and authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

10. – f. Submit application / Block grant -

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to submit an application to the State of Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JAIBG) in the amount of \$ 38,087.00 for the salary and fringe benefits of a Juvenile Prosecutor. The County Judge match is \$ 4,232.00 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

10. – g., h Submit Applications / Juvenile Department –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to submit an application to the State of Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JAIBG) in the amount of \$ 200,000.00 for the Anti-Truancy Boot Camp. The Cash match is \$ 22,222.00 and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and;

Submit an application to the State of Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JAIBG) in the amount of \$ 15,437.00 to purchase Juvenile Services (psychological testing and counseling services).The cash match is \$ 6,563.00 and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

10. – i., j. Submit application, Appointment –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to submit an application to the State of Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JAIBG) in the amount of \$ 33,608.00 with no cash match and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and;

Appoint Ms. Cynthia Garcia to the Laredo-Webb County Child Welfare Board to fill vacancy in accordance with her nomination by the board at its meeting of January 15, 2002.

10: 35 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to go into Executive Session for the following item 02-01-118 8. – a. }

Action regarding Dependent Life Insurance for Webb County Employee.

*****EXECUTIVE SESSION*****

11:00 a.m.

The court returned to regular session and Judge Martinez stated that no action had been taken in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to defer the item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, favor to adjourn the meeting.

